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New York, March 16th, 1901. 46 & 48 East Houston Str.

R. T. Lozar, Esq.,
Bullock Elec. Mfg. Co.,
New York City.

My dear Sir: -

I have your letter of March 16th, and wish to say in reply that you have no reason whatsoever for extending me an apology. Such things happen too frequently to require any notice or or comment. I am perfectly convinced that the Institute did not mean to slight me, and my regret for being unable to participate in an efficient manner is all the greater as I feel this.

As you may know from the journals, I have undertaken to establish during the present year wireless telegraphic communication with Europe, on which I have been steadily engaged for a number of years and which will claim most of my time. I am not attracted by any pecuniar reward, but merely by the humanitarian value of the accomplishment which, I hope, will prove the stepping stone to further realizations of still greater importance.

l shall, of course, always be pleased to see you, but do not think that it is necessary to trouble yourself with a call on this account.

Wishing the Institute the best success in the timely experiment and regretting my limitations, 1 remain,

Very truly yours,

S. Terla

New York, Aug. 30th, 1901. 46 & 48 Rast Houston Str.

Mr. Stanford White,

160 Fifth Ave.,

New York City.

My dear Stanford: -

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Many thanks for your suggestions. I am writing to Mr. Powell to-day. Perhaps he will be able to clear the land altogether.

I want you to understand that I went to the American Bridge Company simpl, because of my anxiety to have the work pushed through as fast as practicable. I am only too glad to follow your advice and beg you to consider yourself absolutely free in your choice and arrangements regarding this work.

Yours very sincerely,

A. Tesla

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New York, Sep. 13th, 1901. 46 & 48 East Houston Street.

Mr. Stanford White, 160 Fifth Ave., Kew York City.

My dear Stanford: -

I have not been half as dumfounded by the news of the shooting of the President as 1 have by the estimates submitted to you, which, together with your kind letter of yesterday, I received last night.

One thing is certain: we cannot build that, tower as outlined.

l cannot tell you how sorry 1 am, for my calculations show, that with such a structure 1 could reach across the Pacific. Since last night 1 have thought carefully over the matter and have come to the conclusion, that the best plan will be to fall back on an older design which I have made, involving the use of two, and possibly three towers, but much smaller. We would keep the design of the tower the same and would only reduce the dimensions. It Will probably be best to adopt a design with two towers and a low central part for the machinery. 1 shall make some calculations to-day and will see how far 1 can reduce the height without impairing materially the efficiency of the apparatus, and will communicate with you as soon as practicable.

Thanking you heartily for your friendly interest and

efforts on my behalf, 1 remain,

Yours very sincerely,

A. Tesla

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New York, Aug. 28th, 1901. 46 & 43 East Houston Str.

Mr. Stanford White,

160 Fifth Ave.,

New York City.

10 dear Stanford: -

tain, whether they will be able to construct the cupola of my building without much delay. As this item will consume the longest time, it is necessary to take all the preliminary steps, so that the work may be begun just as soon as you have passed upon the plans. I believe that the American Bridge Company is the best concern to deal with in this matter, but I beg you not to pay any attention to my suggestion, if you think otherwise.

The Bethleham Steel Company will furnish me the sheets, but I cannot give the order until we have agreed upon all details.

With kind regards,

Yours very sincerely,

A. Texle

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At the time White entered the o'clock. Thaw, when White went in, was standing back of some artificial shrubbery.

This shrubbery is situated directly at the sides of the stage, directly at the sides of the stage, and performers, when they were not on the stage, waited behind it for their cues. Thaw was standing among some of the performers. The velvet collar of his dress coat was turned up and tightly held about his neck. Some of those who saw him thought he was one of the performers.

White sauntered leisurely down the 26th St. side until he reached the fifth table. He sat down to watch the performance, and was joined by Harry Stevens, the caterer of the Garden. Stevens chatted with White for the minute and then hidding

Stevens chatted with White for five minutes and then, bidding him good night, walked to the back of the stage. White then settled down to enjoy the enter tainment. He was facing the stage, with the table on his right, and he rested one elbow on the table and his chin on his hand, as he listened to the music.

A moment or two after Stevens had left White, Thave his chair in a heap with his face to the floor. The chair was walked away from the shrubbery, and down the aisle until he was near White. His coat collar was still turned up, and several persons noted with wand to the floor. The chair was to the floor. The chair was near White. His coat collar was still turned with each of the head been talk of arm ment's heeltation, walked up to the action of the play itself, ing as he started to walk away, no his hand. Without a word on hi

British actress Joan Collins plays the role of Evelyn

to Bruden, Henry Rogers, of No. 222 Henry Street, also ran up and seized Thaw. According to him, Thaw turned and said.

"He deserved it. I can prove it He ruined my life and deserted

Bruden corroborated statement, except that he said he understood Thaw to say, "He rulned my wife," instead of "life."

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Fisk in a quarrel over a woman. Patrolman Debes, who arrest-ed Thaw and took him to the station house, made an important statement to Coroner Dooley early this morning. He said that as he was about to take Thaw down the elevator from the roof garden Mrs. Thaw rushed up to him, and throwing her arms about her husband's her arms about her husband's neck, exclaimed:

"I didn't think you were going to do it that way, Harry."

This testimony was considered important by Coroner Dooley as showing that Thaw had planned the deed for some time.

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New York, Feb. 28th, 1902.

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Messrs. Curtis & Blaisdell,

56 Street & East River,

New York City.

Gentlemen : -

Both your favors of Feb. 25th and 27th have been duly received. I have also obtained the carload of coal in due season and wish to thank you for the prompt delivery. Under inclosure check for the amount of your bill.

Replying to your proposition of Feb. 27th to supply me with buck-wheat coal 1 cannot, of course, form an opinion as to your price until 1 have ascertained the quality of your material. I would be willing to try it for some time at any rate, and with this object in view 1 would ask you what your terms would be, if delivered f. o. b. at your colliery or eventually at the New York terminus of the Long Island Railroad. Kindly let me have the desired information at your earliest convenience. 3 3 ?

Yours very truly,

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15, Eaton Place, London, S.W. May 20, 1902 Dear Mr. Tesla. I do not know how I can ever thank you enough for your most kind letter of May, 10, which I found in my cabin on the Lucania, with the beautiful books which you most kindly sent me along with it: -"The Buried Temple", "The Gospel of Budda", "Les Grands Inities", the exquisite edition of Rossetti's "House of Life", and last but not least the Century Magazine for June, 1900 with the splendid and marvellous photographs on pp. 176, 187, 190, 191, 192, full of electrical lessons. We had a most beautiful passage across the Atlantic, much the finest We had a most beautiful passage across the Atlantic, much the finest I have ever had. I was trying hard nearly all the way, but quite unsuccessfully, to find something definite as to the functions of ether in respect to plain, old-fashioned magnetism. A propos of this I have instructed the publishers, Messrs Macmillan, to send you at the Waldorf a copy of my old book (Collection of Separate Papers) on Electrostatics and Magnetism. I shall be glad if you will accept it from me as a very small mark of my gratitude to you for your kindness. You may possibly find something interesting in the articles on Atmospheric Electricity which it contains. Lady Kelvin joins me in kind regards, and I remain, Yours always truly, Kelvin Thank you also warmly for all the beautiful flowers S-5, frame 24

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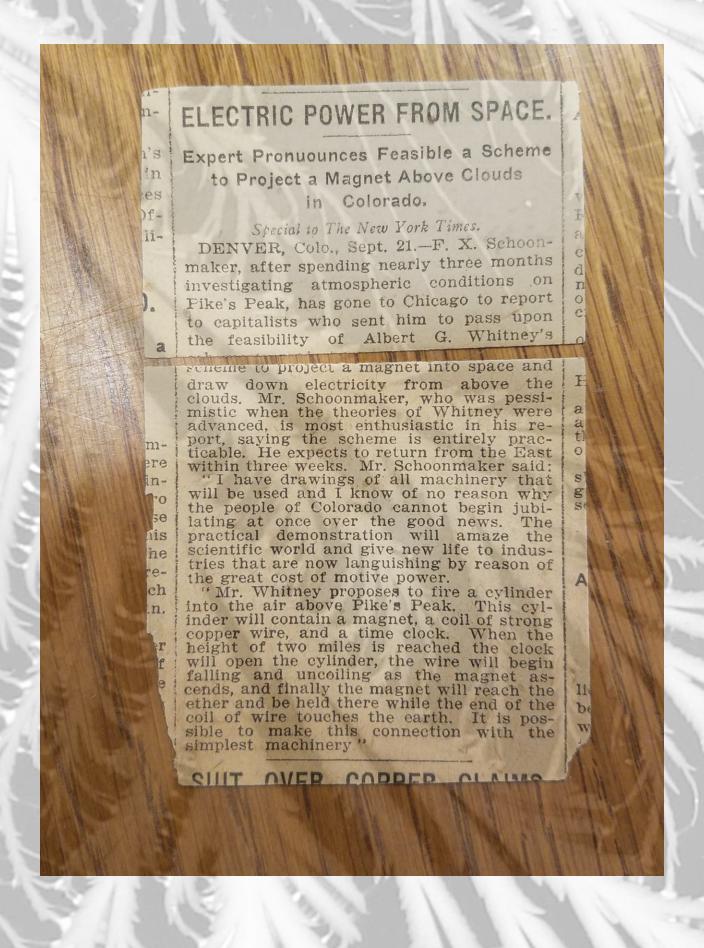
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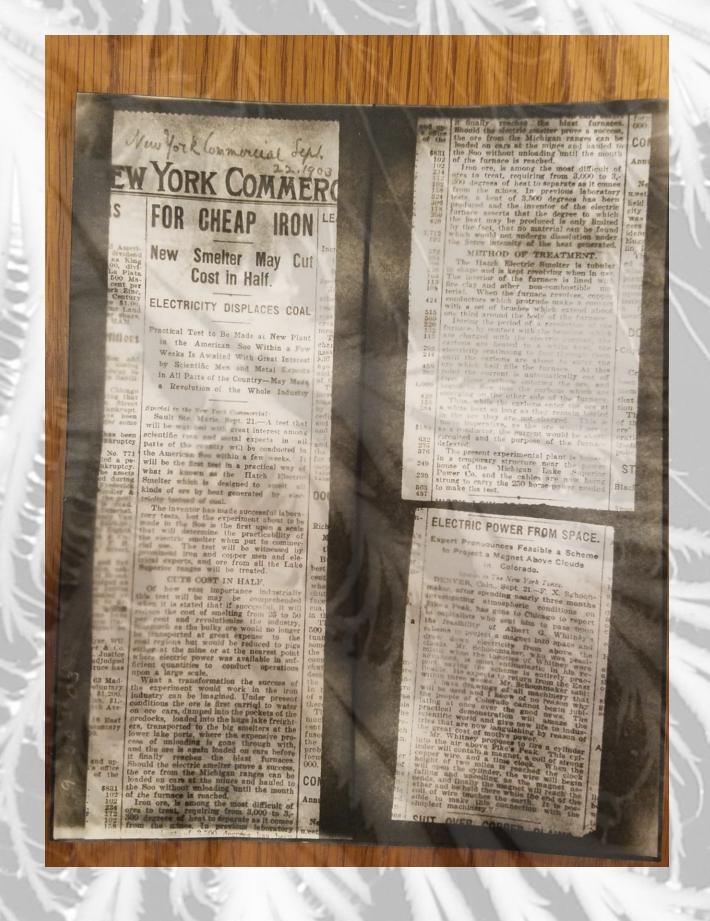
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New York, April 19th, 1904.

Mr. William B. Rankine, 35 Wall Street, New York City.

My Dear Rankine: -

Kindly note the following:

The Nikola Tesla Company has no liabilities, and its assets are my patents all duly assigned. I made a personal agreement with Mr. Morgan assigning to him a part of some of these patents, relating specifically to telegraphy and Lighting. Finding, however, that it would be advantageous to have all interests united I proposed to him to join in all my inventions instead of two only, and he accepted. Colonel Astor's interest was also similarly ad-

justed, so that at present all are in harmony.

Last Summer we undertook to form a manufacturing company under the better name "Tesla Electric & Manufacturing Company", with a capital of \$5,000,000. Unfavorable conditions developed and we thought it better to wait until my plans on Long Island are completed and reaction sets in. The plant at Wardanclyffe, which could now be finished in three to four months will enable me to readily telegraph and telephone to any part of the world, and it can easily be worked up to an earning capacity of ten thousand dollars a day. This is not an exaggerated estimate, for it will have a working capacity of probably more than one hundred Pacific cables put together. You understand, of course, that the receivers will involve expense, but as they are extremely cheap instruments they can be quickly installed in quantities by devoting a part of the earnings to this. No more, therefore, than \$100,000. are necessary, although more money might be used to advantage in order to secure quicker and larger returns.

From enclosed short statement of Kerr, Page & Cooper, relative to some of my patents you will see that they are controlling. These patents have an absolutely assured value of certainly not less than \$5,000,000. They would bring that much even in the event of my death. This means that in the worst possible case those interested with me would get about seven times the sums invested. But if I am properly aided, and my inventions skillfully exploited, I feel quite sure of hundred fold returns. The present company is the third corporation formed in this country under my name. The first two were both very successful, one paying about five times and the other, I think, twenty-five times the

original investment.

My enimies have contended that I am a poet and a dreamer but it is nevertheless a fact that more money is going into my inventions than in those of the three greatest electrical inventors Mr. M. B. Raukine send han! Viagan Tallo A. Y.

Mr. W. B. R.,-2. of my time put together. Some have told me why I do not get all the capital I need from Mr. Morgan, but you know that this is a foolish argument. Some have expressed a doubt that my machines will perform the work for which they are designed. But as you have seen from the editorial of the leading electrical paper in England, others have used without my permission, the "Tesla Goil", "Tesla Transformant and Machinet With permission, the "Tesla Goil", "Tesla Transformer" and Tesla High-potential Methods" in their experiments in which sparks thirty inches long were said to have been used to convey wireless nessages across the Atlantic. In 1899 I have produced sparks onver one hundred feet long. They are of historical record. I need not say more. Sincerely yours, A. Testa

April 8th, 1904.

Nikola Tesla, Esq., New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 8th in which you request us to express briefly our opinion in regard to the validity and scope of a number of patents granted to you, we would say that while we have the constant confidence in the practical value that while we have the greatest confidence in the practical value of the inventions to which the patents relate, which confidence has been confirmed by the developments in the art subsequent to their grant, and by the evident appreciation of some of the carlier inventions on the part of the public by their enforced adoption, we do not feel qualified as experts to pass upon this question, and therefore limit our answer to a consideration of the legal effect of the patents themselves.

The group of patents first mentioned by you comprises

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the following:

No. 454,622, dated April 25, 1891. No. 462,418, dated Nov. 3, 1891. No. 568,176, dated Sept. 22, 1896. No. 568,178, dated Sept. 22, 1896. No. 568,179, dated Sept. 22, 1896. No. 568,180, dated Sept. 22, 1896. No. 577,670, dated FEB. 23, 1897.

These patents all refer to methods of producing, regulating and distributing electric energy in a form suited for application to systems of which wireless telegraphy may be taken as the type, or in general where high frequency or a much higher potential than is possible by previously known means, is to be attained. As you were not only the first, to our knowledge, in this field of invention, but were the first to succeed apparatus of these patents, and as no other successful plan has been proposed by others, so far as we know, these patents must be regarded as controlling of the art, if their claims properly lieve is the fact. The claims were drawn with great care, and with a practically clear field, before us, and we know of no with a practically clear field, before us, and we know of no instance in the practical plans proposed in a large number of patents which have been taken out by others subsequently to yours, in which the more important claims have been avoided.

We know of nothing to anticipate the claims and are of opinion that they are valid.

The next group of patents to which you refer comprises: No. 645,576, Mar. 20, 1900. No. 649,621, May 16, 1900.

These two patents cover fully the method and arrangement

of apparatus which we understand is indispensable to the practical operation of systems for the transmission of energy without wires. We are of opinion that the validaty of these patents is beyond question, and we believe that their effect is controlling.

Of the other patents mentioned by you Nos. 685,953 dated Nov. 5, 1901 and 685,954 of the same date, cover in the broadest terms the storage and transmitted energy, and its periodical discharge for use, which, of course, is not fundamental, nor in all cases indispensable, but nevertheless, we should think, a feature of great practical value. We know of nothing that would invalidate the claims of these patents.

would invalidate the claims of these patents.

Patents 723,188, dated Mar. 17, 1903 and 725,605 dated April 14, 1903 cover the only practical means of isolating the energy transmitted, as for example in securing secrecy and noninterference in the transmission of signals that has been called to our attention. The patents, we believe, fully and broadly cover the special methods or plan to which they relate, so that their value as a controlling factor in the art could only be impaired by the discovery of some radically different method.

The value of your Reissued patent No. 11,865 dated
Oct. 23, 1900 depends entirely upon the commercial value of the plan of insulating conductors to which it refers, but this is a matter upon which we are not commetent to mass an opinion. The

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matter upon which we are not competent to pass an opinion. The patent, we believe, is valid, and the subject matter so far as we have been able to ascertain, is wholly new.

Patent No. 613,809 dated Nov. 8, 1898 for controlling the operation of self propelled vessels or vehicles by electrical impulses transmitted without the use of wires, relates, as you say, to a subject which has been discussed to such an extent in the scientific journals and public press, as to call for no comment from us. Your priority in this line of work, in this country, at least, enabled us to secure very broad and controlling claims in this patent for the invention. We know of nothing ling claims in this patent for the invention. We know of not that would defeat the claims, nor that could be used to accomplish the same result without infringing them.

The other patents referred to by you, are for sub-ordinate features which enter as details in your proposed sys-tem or are designed to increase its efficiency, and so far as

we know, are valid.

In the above, we have endeavored to comply closely with your request for brevity of expression, and have not attempted to state in detail the grounds upon which our views are based. Should you desire it we shall be glad to go in greater detail into the considerations which have led us to the conclusions above expressed.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) Kerr, Page & Cooper.



New York, April 8th, 1904.

Messrs. Kerr Page & Cooper,

149 Broadway,

New York City.

Gentlemen:

You will oblige me by expressing briefly your expert opinion in regard to the validity and scope of my patents taken out by you on the following discoveries and inventions:

I.

- (a) Methods of and apparatus for the conversion of electric energy by oscillatory discharges of condensers and, more particularly, for the production of currents of high frequencies (technically known as "Tesla currents").
- (b) Apparatus known as "Tesla coil", "Tesla Transformer" or "Oscillator".)
- (c) The attunement of circuits in such a system of conversion and methods of regulating and controlling the energy.
- (d) Methods of and combination of apparatus for the transformation of ordinary alternating or direct currents of supply into oscillatory currents of high frequency, and the distribution and utilization of the latter, with special reference to my system of lighting by vacuum tubes. (Tesla tubes".).

As bearing on those inventions, my patents numbers 462,414, 454,622, 563,176, 568,177, 568,178, 568,179, 568,180 and 577,570 may be called to your attention. The discoveries and improvements described therein afford a practical and long sought for solution of the problem of producing electric currents

distribution in cities and populated districts.

VI.

The improvement in the art embodied in the so-called "Tesla"s Telautomata", disclosed and claimed in my patent No.613,809. This invention has produced such a sensation, and has beense extensively commented upon, that I need not dwell on its great importance and practical value.

VII.

The intensification of effects by the use of refrigerants broadly covered by my patent 685,012. This advance is of particular value in connection with telegraphy and telephony and generally in all cases in which it is desired to greatly magnify feeble electrical impulses. The advantages it offers are such, that they would in themselves preclude the possibility of competition of a rival system.

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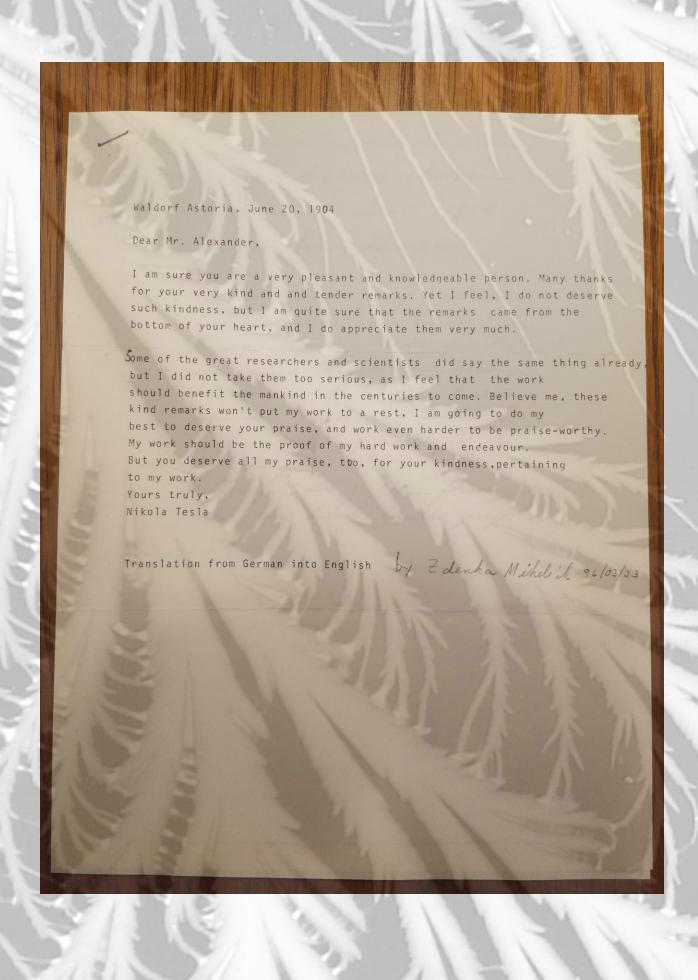
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No.611,719 may be called to your attention.

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Figures and generators known as "Tesla"s Mechanical Oscillators" and "Mechanical Electrical Oscillators" described and claimed in my patents 514,169, 517,900, 511,916. These machines have numerous exclusive and very valuable uses in the arts and industries, and will be highly profitable to manufacture.

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By Nikola Tesla.

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The little engine labors and grows, performs more and more involved operations, becomes sensitive to ever subtler influences and now there manifests itself in the fully developed being—Man—a desire mysterious, inscrutable and irresistible: to imitate nature, to create, to work himself the wonders he perceives. ders he perceives.

Inspired to this task he searches, discovers and invents, designs and constructs, and enriches with monuments of beauty, grandeur and awe, the star of his birth.

And awe, the star of his birth.

He descends into the bowels of the globe to bring forth its hidden treasures and to unlock its immense imprisoned energies for his use.

He invades the dark depths of the ocean and the azure regions of the star.

He peers into the innermost nooks and recesses of molecular structure and lays hare to his gaze worlds infinitely remote. He subdues and puts to his service the fierce, devastating spark of Prometheus, the litanic forces of the waterfall, the wind and 'he tide.

He tames the thundering bolt of Jove and annihilates time and space. He makes the great Sun itself his obedient toiling slave.

Such is his power and might that the heavens reverbetate and the whole earth trembles by the mere sound of his voice.

What has the future in store for this strange being, born of a breath, of perishable tissue, yet immortal, with his powers fearful and divine? What magic will be wrought by him in the end? What is to be his test deed, his crowning achieve-ment?

Long ago he recognized that all perceptible matter comes from a primary substance, of a tenuity beyond conception and filling all space—the Akasa or luminiferous ether—which is acted upon by the life-giving Frana or creative force, calling into existence, in never ending cycles, all things and phenomena.

The primary substance, thrown into infinitesimal whirls of prodigious velocity, becomes gross matter; the force subsiding, the motion ceases and matter disappears, reverting to the primary substance.

Can Man control this grandest, most awe-inspiring of all processes

in nature? Can be harness her unexhaustible energies to perform all their functions at his building, more still—can he so refine his means of control as to ful them in operation simply by the force of his will?

If he could do this he would have powers almost unlimited and super-natural. At his command, with but a slight effort on his part, old worlds would disappear and new ones of his planning would spring into being.

Into being.

He could fix, solidify and preserve the ethereal shapes of his imagining, the fleeting visions of his dreams. He could express all the creations of his mind, on any scale, in forms concrete and imperishable.

He could alter the size of this planet, control its seasons, guide it along any path he might choose through the depths of the Universe. He could make planets collide and produce his suns and stars, his heat and light. He could originate and develop life in all its infinite forms.

To create and to annihilate ma-To create and to annuntate ma-terial substance, cause it to aggre-gate in forms according to his desire, would be the supreme mani-festation of the power of Man's mind, his most complete triumph over the physical world, his crowning achievement which would place him beside his Creator and fulfill his ultimate destiny.

TESLA ON MIND AND MATTER

N MAY 13, 1907, Nikola Tesla wrote the following note to the "Actor's Fund Fair" on Man's Greatest Achievement. The text is transcribed from an A.L.S. in the collections of the Bakken Library of Electricity in Life.

To the Actor's Fund Fair

May 13, 1907

Man's Greatest Achievement.

When a child is born its sense-organs are brought in contact with the outer world. The waves of sound, heat and light, beat against its feeble body, its sensitive nerve-fibers quiver, the muscles contract and relax in obedience: A gasp, a breath, and in this act a wonderful little engine, of inconceivable delicacy and complexity of structure, is hitched to the wheelwork of the universe.

The little engine moves and works, changes size and shape, performs more and more involved operations, becomes sensitive to ever more complex influences and now--there manifests itself in it a mysterious force. Slowly, by imperceptible steps, the engine has been transformed into a being possessed of intelligence.

The responsiveness increases, fast multiply the experiences, a finer sense is developed, the creature awakes to the consciousness of Nature and its grandeur and in its breast is kindled the desire, to work itself the wonders it perceives.

But the exercise of this power alone does not satisfy the mind and Man, reaching out to the stars with his invisible feelers, rises to still loftier desires, to still higher undefinable perceptions, and inspired by them the artist, the inventor, the men of science, give expression to the longing of the human soul.

What could he, born of breath accomplish, what would be most consequential--his greatest deed?

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New York, April 8th, 1904.

Messrs. Kerr Page & Cooper, 149 Broadway,

New York City.

Gentlemen:

You will oblige me by expressing briefly your expert opinion in regard to the validity and scope of my patents taken out by you on the following discoveries and inventions:

I.

- (a) Methods of and apparatus for the conversion of electric energy by oscillatory discharges of condensers and, more particularly, for the production of currents of high frequencies (technically known as "Tesla currents").
- (b) Apparatus known as "Tesla coil", "Tesla Transformer" or "Oscillator".)
- (c) The attunement of circuits in such a system of conversion and methods of regulating and controlling the energy.
- (d) Methods of and combination of apparatus for the transformation of ordinary alternating or direct currents of supply into oscillatory currents of high frequency, and the distribution and utilization of the latter, with special reference to my system of lighting by vacuum tubes. ("Tesla tubes".).

As bearing on those inventions, my patents numbers 462,414, 454,622, 563,176, 568,177, 568,178, 568,179, 568,180 and 577,570 may be called to your attention. The discoveries and improvements described therein afford a practical and long sought for solution of the problem of producing electric currents

or oscillations of any desired frequency, intensity and volume, and have numerous and virtually inexhaustible fields of application. They will certainly exercise a revolutionary effect on the electrical arts and industries.

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- (a) Methods of transmitting electric energy without wires for telegraphic, telephonic and industrial purposes.
- (b) System of transmission of electric energy without wires by tuned circuits, with particular reference to my chief creations in this connection: (1.) My high potential magnifying transmitter and (2) my tuned receiving transformer.

Please examine patents 645,576, and 649,621, which, to my best knowledge, cover the only practical and economical methods and means for transmitting electric energy without wires. I consider them of immense value.

III.

Methods of and apparatus for storing the energy transmitted through the earth and the air and utilizing either directly or for purposes of control, as described and claimed in my patents Nos. 685,953, 685,954, 685,955 and 685,956.

These I believe to be of great practical importance especially in relation to the transmission of energy by my system without wire before referred to.

IIII.

The methods of and apparatus for individualizing or localizing the energy transmitted, by the employment of a number of distinctive elements co-coperatively associated in a system of transmission of electric energy for telegraphic, telephonic and industrial purposes, either through an artificial or natural conductor. These fundamental departues in the art I consider of the greatest commercial importance as they secure secrecy and non-interferability of messages and enable the simultaneous transmission of a practical unlimited number of them through the same conducting channel; while in the industrial distribution of energy by my system without wires they allow the complete isolation of the energy intended for a distant consumer and entirely eliminate the possibility of its unpermitted use by others.

These inventions are fully disclosed and claimed in m patents 723,188 and 725,605 which I would be you to examine.

V.

The method of insulating electric mains by refrigeration to very low temperature, as described in my patent 11,865. This invention is of the greatest practical value, as it cannot fail to be universally adopted in the transmission and conversion of electric energy. By its means power can be conveyed to great distances cheaply and, literally, without any loss. It also affords a perfect solution of the problem of underground.

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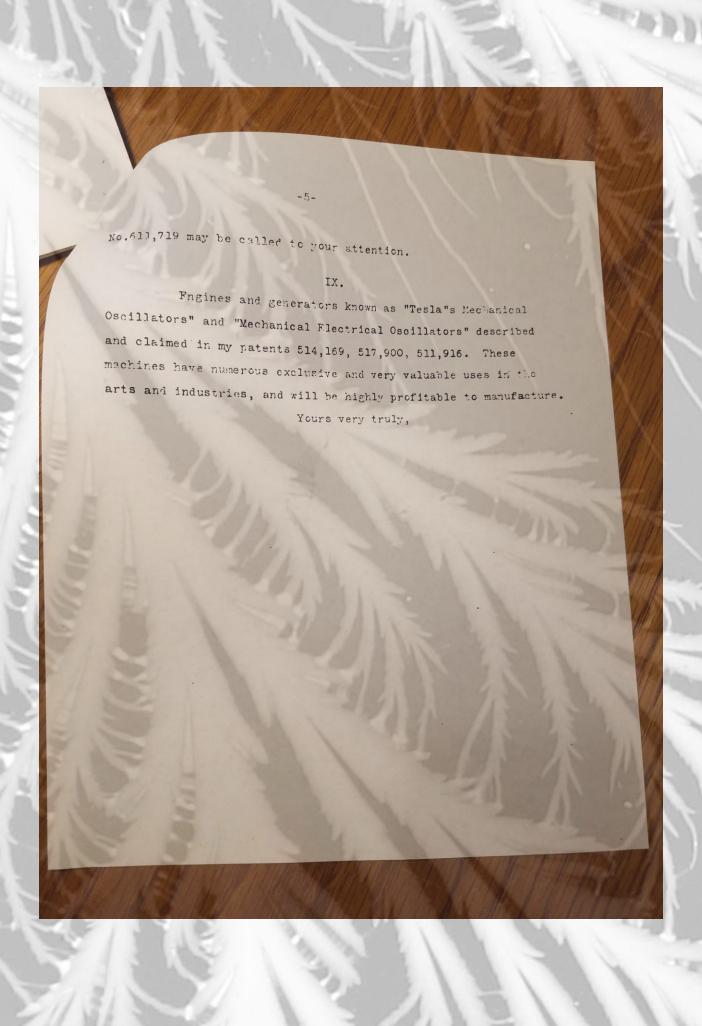
The improvement in the art embodied in the so-called "Tesla"s Telautomata", disclosed and claimed in my patent No.613,809. This invention has produced such a sensation, and has beenso extensively commented upon, that I need not dwell on its great importance and practical value.

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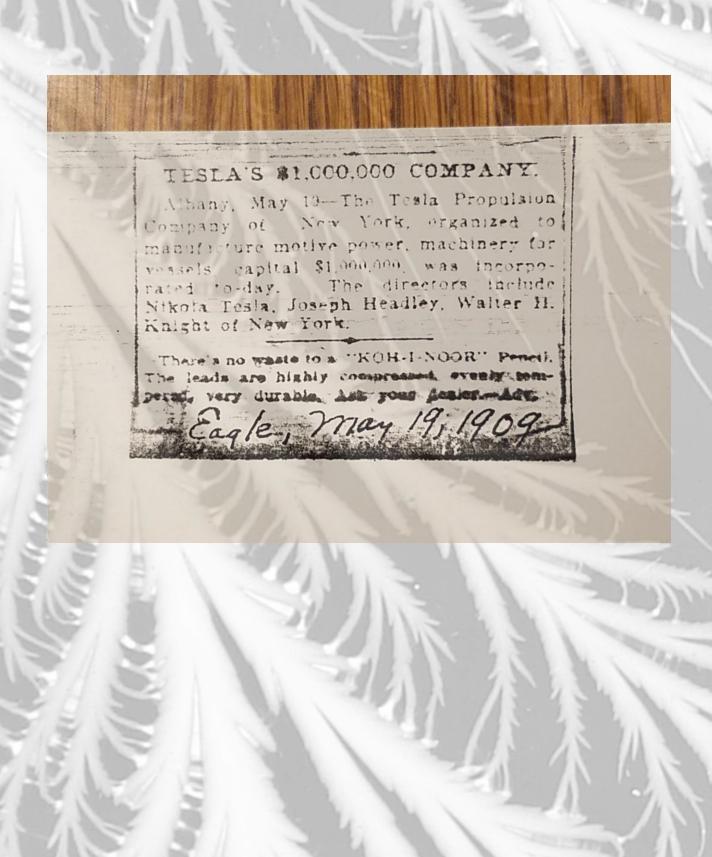


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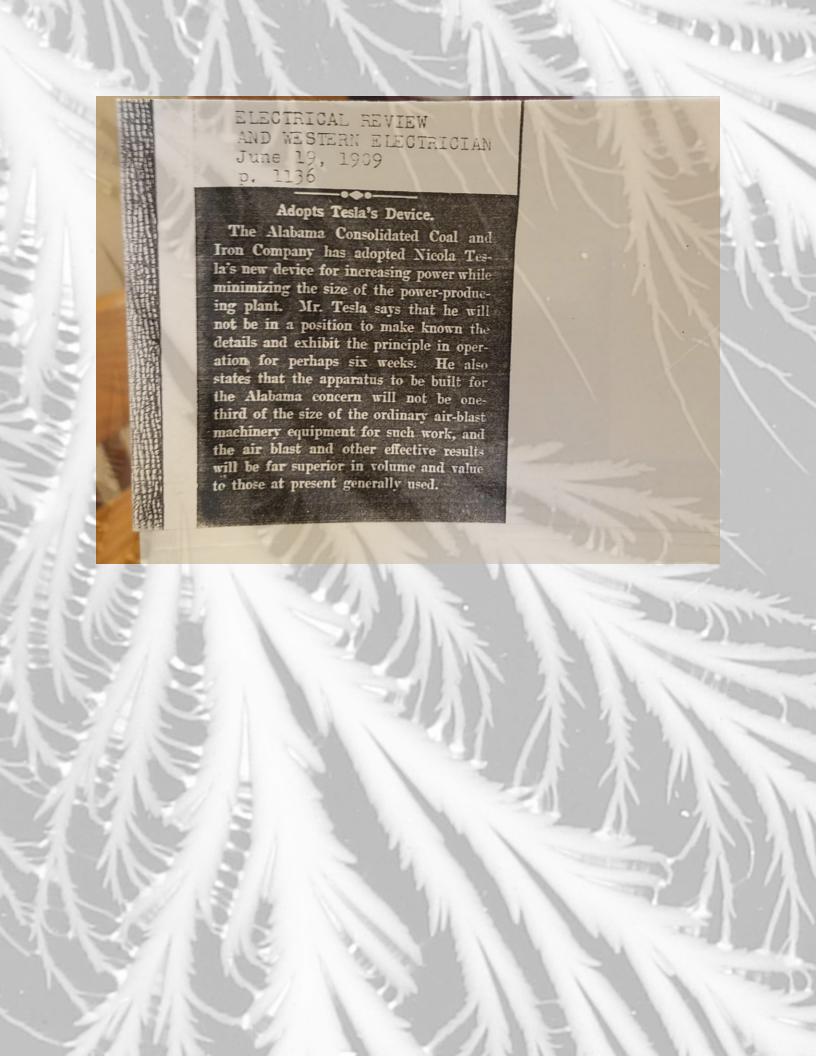


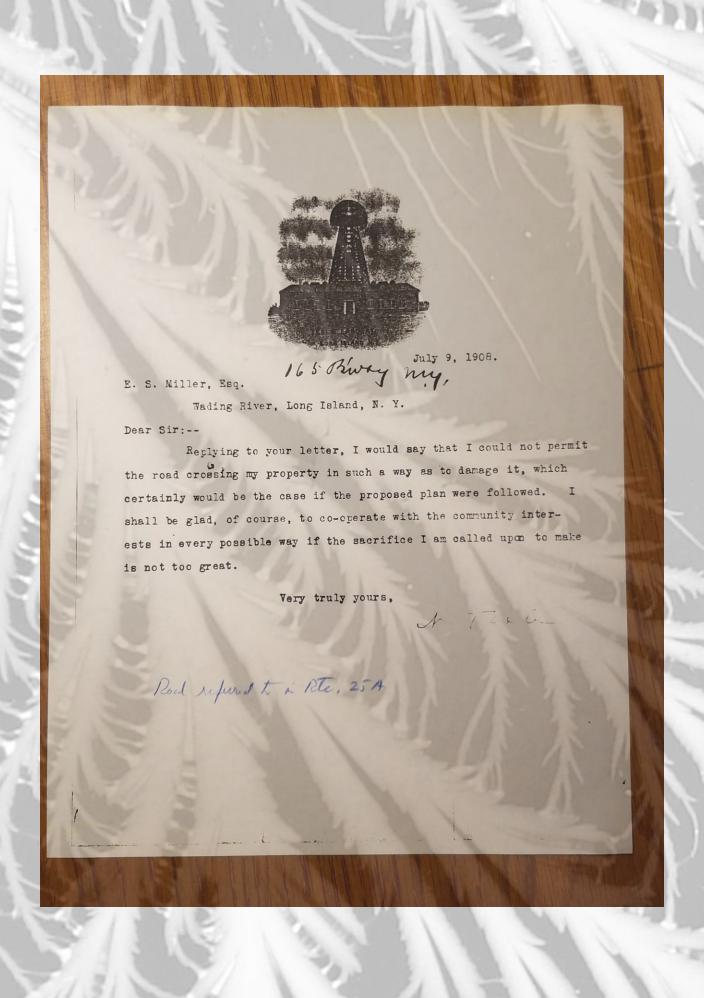
ELECTRICAL REVIEW AND WESTERN ELECTRICIAN May 29, 1909 p. 988.

Tesla to Furnish Motive-Power Machinery for Vessels.

Nikola Tesla has another workable invention and has incorporated the Tesla Propulsion Company, with the principal office in New York city and a capital of \$1,000,000, to manufacture motive-power machinery for vessels. The other directors are Joseph Hoadley and Walter H. Knight of New York city.

MAY 27, 1909. ELECTRICAL WORLD. Tesla Propulsion Company. The Tesla Propulsion Company, with \$1,000,000 capital stock, has been incorporated at Albany, N. Y. The directors include Mr. Nikola Tesla, Mr. Jos. Hoadley and Mr. Walter H. Knight, Mr. Tesla said the ecopany will manufacture apparatus constructed on a mechanical principle of his discovery, entirely new, and of the greatest economical value, the details of which he will make known in about six weeks. The principle, he says, minimizes the size of a power producing plant and increases to a maximum the power produced. A plant now being built for the Alabama Consolidated Coal & Iron Company will not be one-third of the size of the ordinary equipment for its work. while the air blast which it will include and other details will have a far superior value. In connection with this plant Mr. Tesla said he would install a turbine of his own invention, and that the air blast will be supplied under the turbine principle. The new mechanical principle involved is applicable to air, steam, gas and water-power, and may be used for locomotives, autemobiles or any power application. With it a locomotive as powerful as any now used need not be half the present size.





Columbia University now stands as the single repository for nearly all Tesla manuscripts in this country. I do, however, have a number of pieces of unique interest and which do not actually "fit" in the major subject holdings of Columbia. Two items are of particular interest inasmuch as I believe (and I have been cataloging Tesla manuscripts for nearly 20 years) that these are the only two pieces in this country wherein Tesla writes in a foreign language.

"Tesla was born and went to school in Serbia, and, of course, spoke the Serbian language. He studied at the Technical College in Graz and spoke German. He went to the University of Prague and spoke Magyar. He went to Paris and worked for two years in France and spoke French. He then went to New York and spoke English. In reading his English one does not realize that it was written by a foreigner. He obtained a grasp of English idiom and English style such as most of us strive after in vain all our lives. He wrote a great deal of poetry in German, and the fact that he was a poet shows why his imagination entered into all he did."

* W.H. Eccles, "The Life and Work of Nikola Tesla," Journal of the Institution of Electrical Engineers, England, February, 1944.

Someone* once wrote of him,

* 1. April 23, 1899 -- Tecla to Mme. Alever (Mrs. Augusta Blover) in French.

2. ca. 1900 -- note to Bearga Scherff, asking for assistance in identifying paragraphs in Berman and French.